several changes have been sanctioned by Government from time to time and it has therefore become quite necessary to revise it and bring it up-to-date. The Travancore Service Regulations were first issued about the year 1905 and since then it has been revised four times and the fifth edition was issued in 1921. I will not develop this point as the member has no objection to the revision of the Code. But if the member wants it, I shall give him the information. Likewise, the Account Code was revised four times since its first issue and the fourth edition was issued in 1100. It will be conceded that, for the proper guidance of the department, it is necessary that the Departmental Manual should be periodically brought up-to-date. In fact, some attempt at revision was made more than ten years back, but it proved abortive. In the year 1922, the Financial Secretary to Government felt the need for the revision and I concurred with him. A sum of Rs. 336 was provided in the budget of 1100 and was passed by the Council. But this amount was found inadequate as the period of the Code Revision Officer had to be extended with the sanction of Government owing to unexpected delays, such as in getting necessary information regarding the rules and standing orders of other systems such as the Madras P. W. D. and the Mysore P. W. D. Orders of Government have also to be obtained in advance on several matters before embodiment in the Code. Orders on the devolution of powers of officers etc., recommended to Government so far back as August 1924, are still awaited. It is expected that the Draft Code will be ready by the end of 1100, that is in a few days. The expenditure in 1100 is Rs. 674.

The provision of Rs. 300 for the revision of the P. W. D. Code made in the budget includes the salary for Karkatakam 1100.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Who is in charge of the revision work?

MR. K. V. RATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): Head Accountant and First Grade Clerk Mr. V. I. Thomas B. A., B. L. He is on special duty for that purpose.

The salary for the officer for Karkatakam 1100 is Rs. 132, the typist's salary for that month is Rs. 25, and his salary for four days in Chingam 1101 which is also covered by the existing sanction, comes to Rs. 3 and odd. Thus the total for Karkatakam is about Rs. 160. The balance of Rs. 140 is provided for getting the Draft Code copied for circulation, for criticism of the Division Officers and the Account Officer and, after approval of Government, for getting the final copy ready for the Press after effecting any alterations that may be ordered by Government. The services of the typist may be required for a month in 1101. The Draft Code will be ready by the end of 1100 but as orders have not yet been passed on proposals made by me to Government on several important matters, such as the Workshop Committee's Report, the devolution of administrative powers, revision of the rules of the departmental examination, etc., the draft may have to undergo important alterations on receipt of final orders of Government on these

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[Mr. K. V.Natesa Aiyar.]

matters. Further the present P. W. D. Code is being split up into two parts—Part I containing the administrative rules and Part II the account rules. It is only Part I that is being prepared in my department and Part II is to be taken up by the Account Officer in 1101.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Louder, please.

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): Part I that is now getting ready will have to be compared with and correlated to Part II when it is completed. The services of the Code revision officer will therefore have to be utilised for some time in 1101 M. E. either by placing him on deputation or by his working overtime for which he will have to be paid.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I ask the member to proceed a little less rapidly so that we may follow him?

MR. K. K. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): If he is asked to come to the front, it will help us.

PRESIDENT: You may come to the front, Mr. Natesa Aiyar.

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): All my papers are here and so it will cause some inconvenience. I am simply explaining that the balance of Rs. 140 will not be sufficient for continuing the work in 1101. The provision of Rs. 140 will, if anything, be inadequate for the above purposes. The advantage is being taken of this opportunity to examine the professional and departmental Circulars issued by the Chief Engineer from the time of the organisation of the department and to edit them as an appendix to the revised Code. This will be of inestimable advantage and benefit to the officers and subordinates of the department. Accordingly I would request the member to withdraw his motion.

MR. T. J. MATTHEW (*Canganachery* cum *Peermade*): It is said that a portion of this amount is to be paid as allowance for Karkatakam 1100. How can an amount to be spent in 1100 be included in the budget for 1101?

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): That is the rule. In the budget for 1101, the salaries of all officers for Karkatakam 1100 are included. That is a standing item.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): I am sorry I cannot accede to the wish of the learned Chief Engineer to withdraw the motion. The officer in charge of the work is an officer who is permanent in the employment of the P. W. D.

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): But he is on special duty and is not doing the current work.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Very well, Sir, he is earning his usual pay; and in addition to that, this particular grant has come up before the House.

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): It is only a small deputation allowance of one-fifth of his pay which he draws in addition.

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MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): It is for that purpose that Rs. 300 is budgeted. So, I do not find my way to accede to the wish of the Chief Engineer.

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): It is only Rs. 20 that he will draw for Karkatakam, as allowance.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): And the rest?

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): I have explained already and given details. He gets only one-fifth of his salary as deputation allowance. The balance of Rs. 140 left after meeting the charges for Karkatakam is required for printing and editing the work. If a special establishment is required then, the Chief Engineer will have to approach Government for special sanction.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): It is only Rs. 20 then?

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): Yes. The duty allowance he will draw for Karkatakam is only that.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Then I am prepared to withdraw the motion. (*Laughter*).

The motion, was by leave of the House, withdrawn.

Motion 304.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): I beg to move:—

304. *To reduce the allotment of Rs. 28,920 for Direction by Re. 1.*

The object of my motion is mainly to urge—

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): Louder, please.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): The object of my motion is mainly to urge on the Government the necessity for granting more money for the development of the department. I do not thereby mean—

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): May I rise to a point of order, Sir. Under Direction, my submission is that no question of general policy can be considered. It must come under motions 310 to 321 which are motions for reduction of total grant. The allotment under reference relates to Direction—establishment, travelling allowance, supplies and services. So, Mr. A. K. Pillai's motion should come as a reduction under the total grant.

PRESIDENT: It seems to me that it is covered by the ruling given by me on Mr. Paramesvaran Pillai's question raised yesterday. Mr. Paramesvaran Pillai raised the question yesterday as to what could be discussed under the head "Direction". I ruled this morning that, under the head Direction, you can discuss all matters bearing a direct relation to the items of expenditure included under the head "Direction" in the budget. If you look to pages 156 and 157 of the Budget, you will find certain items are included there under "Direction". There, you can discuss any question of policy or any item relating to the several heads of expenditure shown under that head.

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MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): I submit to the ruling. But I can take this opportunity to point out certain defects in the direction of the department.

PRESIDENT: Oh, yes. You can talk on the defects in "direction" with regard to any of those items.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Since this was a token motion, I thought I could make some suggestions to increase the utility of the department. Now I find that it cannot be brought under this. I will confine myself to the defects in the "direction" of the department.

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): The total under executive—

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Is the speech of the Chief Engineer open to discussion on this side of the House also?

PRESIDENT: No, it is a point of order that he raised.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Can I proceed or can I not?

PRESIDENT: You cannot proceed to discuss any question on the general policy of the department because that will have to come under the general question of public works expenditure. So, you cannot speak about the question of policy or administration under Direction.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Then, shall I withdraw or shall I not make the motion?

PRESIDENT: I think you had better not make the motion, to save time.

The following motion was therefore treated as not moved: —

MR. A. K. PILLAI:

304. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 28,920 for Direction by Re. 1.

Motion 305.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): If the objection, as ruled, is to prevail, I am myself in the same predicament.

PRESIDENT: You can discuss *any item* that comes under "Direction".

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): I shall confine my observations to the policy pursued by the directing agency of the Public Works Department. So far, I am prepared to say. But if the objection that was urged against Mr. A. K. Pillai is a valid objection, I think I am within the same trap.

PRESIDENT: You have splendid opportunity for the general discussion of policy under motion 310 onwards.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): I shall reserve it to that stage. So, I do not make the motion now.

The following motion was not moved: —

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI:

305. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 28,920 for Direction by Rs. 100.

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Motion 306.

The following motion was not moved, the member being absent :

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI :

306. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 28,920 for Direction by Rs. 100.

Motion 307.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Sir, I move:—

307. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,93,439 for buildings by Rs. 10.

My object is simple. It is just to draw the attention of the department to the necessity for providing more buildings for the school at Chavara and also to suggest certain structural alterations in the Science College with a view to provide a hall for holding the meetings of the Debating Society. These are my suggestions.

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*) : Sir, if I heard correctly, I understand that the member referred to increasing the accommodation of the school at Chalai.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): I said, the school at Chavara.

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*) : Yes. I note that it is to provide additional accommodation to the school at Chavara and also that some work should be done in the Science College. What is that?

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Structural alterations in the Science College with a view to provide a hall for holding meetings of the Debating Society.

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*) : I have absolutely no objection to that. Indeed, I am very glad to do these works immediately next year. I have got the figures that have been sanctioned by Government for buildings in the budget. The policy has been of recent years to restrict the allotment for buildings and to spend more money on communications in North Travancore. If the member wants a comparison of the figures, I shall quote them. In 1092 it was Rs. 3·50 lakhs, in 1093, Rs. 3 lakhs, in 1094, Rs. 3·76 lakhs, in 1095, Rs. 4·65 lakhs, in 1096, Rs. 5·73 lakhs, in 1097, Rs. 5·64 lakhs, in 1098, Rs. 2·97 lakhs, (the first year I took charge), in 1099, Rs. 3·96 lakhs (increase on account of some important works), in 1100, Rs. 2·66 lakhs, and for the next year, the provision is for about Rs. 2 lakhs. Several buildings sanctioned have not been taken up for want of funds and if the Director of Public Instruction presses on the attention of Government the immediate necessity of providing additional accommodation at Chavara, and if the Government sanction it, the department will be only very glad to take up the work and carry it out expeditiously.

As for the work required in the Science College, I do not remember any correspondence on the subject from the Director of Public Instruction. If he moves Government in the matter and the Government issue an order to carry out the work, I shall take the necessary action.

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MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Sir, the figures that were given did not at all help me. In reply, I only wish to say that the policy of the department should be to encourage people where they are enthusiastic. Referring to Chavara, I must say that the people there during the short period of three months were able to collect Rs. 500 and put up an additional building. It is here and in such circumstances that the department must step forward and help the people and encourage them in their enthusiasm and enlist their co-operation. But if, on the other hand, the department stand behind and fold their hands, the people will get very cold and either the children of the people will go without education or it will take a long time to go a circuitous route inconveniencing the State and the Government in providing education. Sir, to say that the department would be able to provide the necessary funds only the next year is a very sad information. I am suggesting that the money is there and that certain adjustments should be made in the expenditure of the department. I am sure the department can very well provide the extra fund necessary for the building.

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): I have already explained my position clearly. By next year, I meant 1101. If the Director of Public Instruction presses on the attention of Government the necessity for providing the additional accommodation to the Chavara school and that for structural alterations in the Science College and if Government issue orders to carry them out, I shall be very glad to proceed with the works. I hope the Director will do the needful; for my part, as soon as the orders are received, the works will be begun.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): I withdraw the motion.

The motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

Motion 308.

The following motion was not moved;—

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI:

308. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 7,28,860 for original works under communications by Rs. 100.

Motion 309.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): I beg to move:—

309. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 15,22,318 for Communications by Rs. 10.

My object is to draw the attention of the department to the unsatisfactory condition of the means of communication in the Karunagapalli taluk particularly. In this connection, I also wish to say that, in the matter of communications, the department did not at all pay enough attention to this taluk. Their idea is to satisfy the Government with figures and they are trying to do work in a very cheap manner. I have been travelling during the election time, in the various parts of Karunagapalli and I found at that time when the season was rainy, that all the culverts were not only in an unsatisfactory condition but in a damaged state. No car could be run on that road and even where there was no culvert at all, the road was in a most unsatisfactory condition, I should think—

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MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): Which road, please?

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Karunagapalli road.

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*) Is it the Chavara to Karunagapalli road?

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Yes. I understand that this is the road which is going to form the main road between Quilon and Alleppey. This road is only 12 feet in breadth. No two cars could go at the same time, when the road is only 12 feet broad. Any Engineer, any layman for that matter, would say that, if the road was less than 16 feet in breadth, it will not be good enough for traffic. Further, this is a road which is meant to be a very important one because it is meant to connect Quilon with Alleppey.

There is a ferry on this road between Quilon and Alleppey, which is one of the important ferries, and which is at Neendakara, connecting the Asbtamudi Lake with the sea. That is in a very dangerous condition. There is also a *junghar* which is now very dangerous to pass by in the rainy season. We must first of all consult our astrologer before we pass that way. It is so dangerous and I have often been experiencing the risk whenever I undertake my journey that way. I may go out of Karunagapalli for illustrating my point, namely, that the department is not at all careful in the matter of communication. Nay, they are very careless. There is a bridge over Varattar—I think that is at the 77th mile on the M. C. Road between Kottarakara and Kottayam. In the very same year the bridge was constructed, the Governmet had to spend Rs. 2,000 more after having spent Rs. 60,250. I find that the department spent Rs. 2,000 more during the same year because they were unwilling to provide enough screw piles. The first estimate was for six screw piles but the *present* Chief Engineer thought that that was not sufficiently cheap and therefore he provided for four screw piles and two ordinary piles. The result was that there was a total loss of Rs. 2,000.

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): Sir, that information is wrong. I had nothing to do with it. The matter of the piles had been settled by my predecessor.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): My idea was not to blame any officer but to point out the defects in the department. Each individual is particularly responsible. I am sure that the department is not what it ought to be.

The Chengannur—Aranmula road is not at all cartable. I had the occasion to go by that road. The department reported that it was cartable and I found from my own experience that it was not cartable. When the Government estimate was Rs. 80,000, the department spent Rs. 15,000 to show to the Government that they were thrifty in the matter of expenditure. But this thrift is not very economical in the long run. I only wanted to give an idea to this House in what way the department is economical. But this is, Sir, neither thrift nor economy.

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MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): I have very great pleasure to support the motion brought forward by Mr. A. K. Pillai but on quite different grounds. He was complaining about the want of communications in Karunagapalli. Of course, I do sympathise with that. I feel myself bound in this connection to complain about the want of communications in my taluk also, namely, Shertallai. No member in this House will deny that Shertallai is wanting in proper means of communication. The House is convinced of the necessity of the want of communications in my taluk. Of course, in this connection, I have to say that I am not unmindful of the three small provisions that have been kindly allowed to us by the Finance Committee and I thank the members of the Finance Committee as also the Chief Engineer. We want cross canals to be dug from the Vembanad lake towards the western side of Shertallai. If the Chief Engineer had any idea of the difficulties that are experienced by the people on the west coast, he will, I am sure, be forced to make ample provision for cross canals. During my election compaign, I have had opportunities to travel through the western portion of the Shertallai taluk during which I was convinced of the great necessity which the people of the western coast of Shertallai feel for better communications. People who inhabit those parts of Shertallai are very cultured and at the same time they are very rich and influential. There are many graduates among them and they are very civilised. But, unfortunately in this connection, I must say, I was not able to travel without difficulty from Shertallai town to Mararikulam, a distance of about 6 miles. I was not able to see even 12 houses which were complete in their construction in these 6 miles. They felt the difficulty of carrying the laterite stones from the eastern side towards that part of the land. And it was with very great difficulty that they were able to bring even these stones. They had to bring these laterite stones through the *Kayal*. I may also say that during my private conversations with Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai the other day, he was telling me that he was once invited to proceed to Mararikulam in connection with a meeting. He rather preferred to go by a canoe by the sea rather than walk a distance of about seven miles from Alleppey to Mararikulam. Look at the danger that is met with by the people and the difficulty that is experienced by the inhabitants of the place for travelling. I do not exaggerate when I say that our raw products are never sold at a proper price, and that we do not get a proper price for our husks. I showed these in my Budget speech. Every thing that we produce has to be carried to the Muttam bazaar by head-loads for a long distance of about 7 miles and it is a difficulty. If a cross canal is opened from Muhamel to Mararikulam, it will be extremely easy to carry laterite stones and other articles to the western side and those people will be very much obliged. Another cross canal is also very very useful and this fact has been brought to the notice of Government by the late Council member Mr. Panjikaran, last year and before that. I mean a canal from the Muttam lake to Pozhichal on the western side. These two canals are extremely necessary for us and I hope the Chief Engineer will pay due attention to it and see that provision is made for that also.

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MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): സമുദ്രതീരത്തുനിന്നും വളരെ മാറികിടക്കുന്നതിനാൽ ജലമാർഗ്ഗമായ സഞ്ചാരത്തിനു തീരെ സൗകര്യമില്ലാത്തവയാണ് ഉത്തര തിരുവിതാംകൂറിലെ പ്രദേശങ്ങൾ. അതിൽ ഏറ്റവും ഉൾഭാഗത്തു കിടക്കുന്നത് തൊടുപുഴ, മൂവാറ്റുപുഴ മുതലായ താലൂക്കുകളാണ്. അവിടെ ജനികതി കഴിഞ്ഞപത്തുവർഷത്തിനിടയിൽ ഇരട്ടിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. ജനസംഖ്യയും വളരെ വർദ്ധിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു. മറ്റു താലൂക്കുകളിലുള്ളവർ ഇവിടെയുള്ള തരിശുഭൂമികൾ പതിച്ചുവാങ്ങി കൃഷികയറി പാർത്തുവരുന്നതുകൊണ്ടാണ് ജനികതിയും ജനസംഖ്യയും വർദ്ധിച്ചത്. എന്നാൽ അതനുസരിച്ചു ഗതാഗതസൗകര്യം മുതലായവയെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു ഗവർണ്മെൻറിൽനിന്നും അവിടെ വേണ്ടത്ര ചെയ്തുവരുന്നില്ല. , അടുത്ത കാലത്തു പുതിയ ചീഫ് ഇഞ്ചിനീയർ അവിടെ വരുന്നതിനും എല്ലാ സ്ഥലങ്ങളും സഞ്ചരിച്ചു അവിടത്തെ ആവശ്യങ്ങളെ മനസ്സിലാക്കുന്നതിനും ഇടയായിട്ടുണ്ട്. പല റോഡുകളെപ്പറ്റിയും ജനങ്ങൾ അദ്ദേഹത്തോടു് ആ സമയം പറയുകയുണ്ടായി. എന്നാൽ അവയിൽ ചില റോഡുകളുടെ എങ്കിലും പണി ആരംഭിക്കുന്നതിനു ഓരോ ചെറിയ സംഖ്യകൾ ബഡ്ജറ്റിൽ ചേർത്തുകാണുന്നു. അതുമാത്രം ആശ്വാസകരം തന്നെ. മെയിൻ സെൻട്രൽ റോഡ് ശരിയായവിധത്തിൽ വയ്ക്കേണ്ടതു വളരെ അത്യാവശ്യമാണു്. ഞങ്ങൾക്കു ഉത്തരതിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽ ഉള്ള മൂവാറ്റുപുഴ തൊടുപുഴ, മുതലായ താലൂക്കുകളിൽ നിന്നും ഈ രാജധാനി പട്ടണത്തിൽ വരണമെങ്കിൽ മദ്രാസിൽ പോകുന്നതിനെക്കാൾ വളരെതാമസ്സവും പണച്ചിലവും വേണ്ടിയിരിക്കുന്ന സംഗതി കൌൺസിലിന്റെ ശ്രദ്ധയിൽ പല അവസരങ്ങളിലും കൊണ്ടുവന്നിട്ടുണ്ട്. മെയിൻ സെൻട്രൽ റോഡു ബസ്സു പോകത്തക്കവണ്ണം സൌകര്യപ്പെട്ടത്തി എങ്കിൽ ഞങ്ങളുടെ ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടു വളരെ കുറയുമായിരുന്നു. ഇപ്പോൾ ഞങ്ങളുടെ സഞ്ചാരം മൂവാറ്റുപുഴനിന്നും ആലുവായിൽ എത്തി അവിടെനിന്നും റയിലും ബോട്ടും മാർഗ്ഗം ആലപ്പുഴവന്നു വീണ്ടും ബോട്ട കയറി കൊല്ലത്തുവന്നു അവിടുന്നു റയിൽ കയറിയാണു് ഇവിടെ വരുന്നത്. ഇത് വളരെ അസൌകര്യമുള്ള യാത്രയാണല്ലൊ. അഞ്ചു വാഹനങ്ങളിൽ മാറി കയറിവേണം വരുന്നതിന്. അതായതു സമയങ്ങൾക്കുള്ളിൽ ഓരോ സ്ഥലങ്ങളിലും വന്നുചേർന്നില്ലെങ്കിൽ ഉദ്ദേശിച്ച സമയത്തു എത്താൻ സാധിക്കുകയില്ലാ. ഇപ്പോൾ ദക്ഷിണ തിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽ ദിവസംപ്രതി ധാരാളം ബസ്സുകൾ ഓടിക്കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു അവിടെ സഞ്ചാരത്തിനു വളരെ സൌകര്യമുണ്ട്. ഞങ്ങൾക്കതുകൊണ്ടു സന്തോഷമേ ഉള്ളൂ. ഉത്തരതിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽ ഉള്ള ജനങ്ങൾക്കു സഞ്ചാരസൌകര്യം

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[Mr. Tariatu Kunjitomman.]

വളരെ കുറവാണെന്നും അവിടേയും ഗവർണ്മെൻറിൽനിന്നും മറ്റുഭാഗങ്ങളിൽ ചിലവു ചെയ്യുന്നതു പോലെ വേണ്ട ചിലവുകൾ ചെയ്തു സഞ്ചാരസൌകര്യം ഉണ്ടാക്കിത്തരണമെന്നും മാത്രമേ പറയുന്നുള്ളൂ.

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): I oppose the motion. The member has rightly urged the need for more communications in the Karunagapalli taluk. I am also of the same opinion and my predecessors also have appreciated the position. As a result we have been steadily working up the policy of improving the facilities for communications in the taluk. In answer to the member's interpellation No. 99 (200), a list of works which have been completed, are in progress, or have been provided for in the Budget for 1101 has been given, from which the House will see that the department has been paying increased attention to the development of communications in that taluk. The total estimated cost of works undertaken by this department in this taluk since 1914 is Rs. 2,27,878, not taking into account the improvement of village roads carried out from the annual maintenance grant. The total outlay in this period is Rs. 1,59,365; of the above, the estimated cost of works undertaken in the two years 1099 and 1100 is Rs. 57,810, on five roads and one bridge. That is the information I have to give in regard to the allegation that this taluk is being neglected.

In reply to an interpellation, the member was furnished with a list of the works progressing in this taluk. The member referred in a supplementary question, to the Vallikavu-Oachira road. That road, as far as I am able to trace, has been forgotten even by the Assembly members. Only the road from Tamarakulam *via* Oachira to Alunkadavu, the road from Krishnapuram bridge to the backwater, and the road from Karunagapalli to Marutukulangara and some other roads have been suggested and are being taken up. Recently, I have received an estimate for a road from Thodiyil to Kulasekharapuram which is under check. As for the road from Oachira to Vallikavu, I shall call for a report from the Executive Engineer and take action on its receipt. I am sorry that the member has not understood aright the activities of the department. The policy of the Government, of late, has been to pay prior attention to main roads, and the cross roads will be taken up after the former are completed. Village Panchayats are to be formed very soon and they can consider the question of construction of such cross roads as Government contribution, to the extent of three-fourths of the expenditure, would be forthcoming.

The member spoke about the width and the defects of the road from Chavara to Karunagapalli. The road is wide enough and I have not reduced the width sanctioned for it. There is very little cart traffic at present on the road. I have not seen any traffic on the road. When traffic develops and needs it, the road can be widened to the necessary extent. He referred to the culverts. They were in course of construction during the last season. The member might have found some

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unfinished. I have no information on the point. If the member desires it, I will enquire and take necessary action.

The member then mentioned that the *junghar* at Neendakara was rather risky. We have got a serviceable *junghar* at Neendakara. The Executive Engineer was referred to when a complaint appeared in a newspaper. He has reported that the *junghar* was in a good condition and was serving the traffic well. If it develops, a steam ferry service will have to be established.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): May I know whether Mr. Natesa Aiyar has seen that *junghar*?

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): I have crossed over the ferry several times.

Then coming to Varattar bridge, I say that I had absolutely nothing to do with the details of the design regarding screw piles. They had been decided upon by my predecessor.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Did not the Chief Engineer supervise the execution and is there no collective responsibility in the matter?

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): It is primarily the duty of the Assistant Engineer to look after the execution and the Executive Engineer also is expected to supervise and instruct. Wherever necessary, the Chief Engineer also inspects and instructs about works in progress.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): May I know from Mr. Natesa Aiyar who was the Executive Engineer that was in charge of the work?

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): Mr. L. H. Jacob was in charge.

The member referred to some damages which had to be repaired. The floods of Adi 1099 wrought great havoc upon the country. The abutments were not of masonry and the earthen banks protected with rubble facing were affected by the floods and this rubble facing has had to be re-done at a cost of about Rs. 2,000, as the member stated.

The member again referred to the Chengannur-Aranmula road. It was pointed out that the road was not cartable, but I have to say that the road has been made cartable as a fair weather road. I have motored on the road right through from Kozhencherry to Chengannur. Two bridges have yet to be constructed; two junghars are proposed to be provided instead for the present, and when this is done, the road will be fit for cart traffic throughout the year.

The member for Shertallai, I am sorry, I forget his name, pleads for more communications in this taluk. We are not unmindful of the needs of the taluk of Shertallai. I think in the next year's Budget out of about Rs. 7,28,000 for Communications—works, about Rs. 58,000 has been provided for the Shertallai taluk alone.

PRESIDENT: Time.

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MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): I am anxious to speak about one or two points more. The desirability of getting more cross canals has been realised. After I assumed charge as Chief Engineer, two cross canals have been taken up. Before my time, the opening of cross canals was not taken up. As time goes on, more and more cross canals will be constructed. As for the canal from the Vembanad lake to Pozhichal, I may tell the House that there is a difference of opinion between the Assembly members who pleaded for such canals in their representations. Mr. Mathew Panjikaran, the member for 1098, wanted a canal at the southern end and the member for 1099 wanted a canal some four or five miles northward. As there is a difference of opinion, the matter has been referred to the Executive Engineer for local inspection and investigation. When the Executive Engineer submits his report, I will go into the question carefully and decide the matter.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Sir, this question of communications and roads is a very important question, and the way in which the P. W. D. deal with this question is not in anything of a systematic manner.

MR. K. K. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): Is the member in order in speaking, after the official member has finished his speech?

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): The Chief Engineer has not had his final speech on the motion. I am, therefore, perfectly in order, and, I believe, I know more of these rules than my friend Mr. Thomas.

I am submitting, the department is dealing with this important question only in a tinkering fashion. There is nothing like a policy underlying the operations of the department. With respect to the various questions raised under this head, the point that I have to mention in this connection is—

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): Sir, I rise to a point of order. The motion is with reference to particular works, under communications. I do not think the member is in order in speaking about the policy underlying the working of the department.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): The question of various communications and roads was discussed here just now, and I heard my friend, Mr. Natesa Aiyar himself, referring to those matters and defending himself.

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): I was speaking of the work in particular localities.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): I am also going to speak on the work in particular localities. That will be clear if he will listen patiently.

With respect to the Ambalapuzha taluk and the Shertallai taluk I am in a position to speak definitely about the negligence of the Public Works Department as to the means of communications there. Sir, I belong to the taluk of Ambalapuzha, to which a small portion of the Shertallai taluk, extending for about 6 miles from Alleppey northwards,

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has also been recently added. On account of that addition, a portion of Mararikulam is also now within the Ambalapuzha taluk. I have had a little experience in respect of the nature of the locality. During the last election campaign, I was put to a kind of experience, which I think I must explain at the present moment. It is no exaggeration, Sir, when I say that that particular portion of the Ambalapuzha taluk is an abridged edition of the desert of Sahara, but, unfortunately, studded with population. Under a tropical sun and in a shifting soil which gets hot, almost up to the boiling point, if not more, it is absolutely impossible for man or beast to get out of houses and to walk through that sandy desert. I am quite sure, even a circuiting officer would hardly think of visiting that locality. If there is any urgent need for any medical aid in that locality, such as assistance in midwifery, absolutely nothing like any aid is available in that part of the Ambalapuzha taluk, in spite of the fact that, within six miles from that place, in Alleppey, medical officers are available in as large numbers as blackberries. But, unfortunately, the people of Shertallai and Ambalapuzha are not able to get the advantage of these medical men in Alleppey. Captain Leverett it was, who remarked in the year 1099 that, owing to the formation of mud-banks in the locality called Tumboli, it was quite impossible to carry things from Alleppey for the purpose of shipping, although the distance from Tumboli to Alleppey was only three miles. By walking along such a sandy place it is no wonder—I apologise to the Darbar Physician for my venturing to tread upon the ground of medicine—that the people there get elephantiasis and are put to other untold miseries.

Then, coming to my own taluk proper, during the recent floods, the people found it impossible to escape. Many huts and houses were washed away. The cattle suffered very much. The lives, of the people, who inhabited the place known as Kuttanad, were in considerable danger. That is the condition of the people in the taluks of Ambalapuzha and Shertallai. A road, for these people at least to escape from danger during floods which are very frequent in those parts, would be considered a blessing by the people. A road from Ambalapuzha to Tiruvellah was found quite necessary, and formerly some work also was done in that direction. But, with the change of the personnel of the directing agency in the P. W. D., it was given up. We are again agitating the question. I do not in the least question the good intentions of the Chief Engineer. If only the Chief Engineer would pay some attention to this cry, I think something may be done.

Then, there are various other small roads about which the people have been agitating for the past so many years. The P. W. D. should not ignore the needs of these poor people, because they are not able to maintain anything like a sustained agitation for their needs.

PRESIDENT: Time, please.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Sir, I have a good deal to speak on the subject, because I feel it to be such a standing complaint. I leave it to the House to imagine the hardship that the people in these taluks are put to.

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PRESIDENT: The other speakers in the House can be depended upon to take up the slogan

MR. T. J. MATTHEW (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): I shall speak on behalf of all the taluks in North Travancore, so that we need not spend much time on the question. There has been a loud cry as to the inadequacy of the work of the P. W. D. in North Travancore. Going through the *Administration Report*, I find, so long ago as 1052, Government have admitted that North Travancore was not in any way benefited by the works of the P. W. D. Although this fact was admitted, adequate attention has not been paid to the needs of North Travancore, and, therefore, North Travancore is practically in the same condition as it has ever been. The other day the Director of Agriculture stated in this House that there has not been sufficient response from the people of North Travancore to the invitations of the Agricultural Department. Sir, I have to say that it is owing to want of communications in those parts and owing to the difficulty of the people in going to the places where the Agricultural Inspector is posted, that there is little response from the people. With regard to the Medical Department also, I have to submit the same thing. The inadequacy of medical aid to the people of North Travancore may be due to the fact that there are not very many dispensaries or hospitals in North Travancore. But, even if we had many dispensaries, the people in those parts are not able to approach these dispensaries for want of proper means of communication.

The want of means of communication may be approached from another aspect also. North Travancore is an undeveloped country. It is a country which entirely depends on agriculture, and, unless communications are improved, the people cannot find a market for their products. We may imagine the result. Therefore, it is to the interest of the Government and of the people to see that the undeveloped portions are developed as early as possible.

I may point out, in this connection, that, during the time of Dewan Sir P. Rajagopalachariar, finding that North Travancore was neglected, the Government, in consultation with the heads of the several departments and the Chief Engineer, prepared a list of very urgent works to be immediately attended to. Though it was admitted that they were urgent works, practically nothing was done beyond the preparation of the list.

I may also mention that in the execution of these works the policy of the department is changed very often. The Alleppey Shertallai canal was taken up and the work was progressing. First of all, it was thought that there must be a canal; secondly, it was thought that the scheme must be changed, with the result that a portion of the canal, that was constructed, had to be silted up, and Government incurred considerable loss on that account. Another instance of this inconstant policy of the P. W. D. is in the case of the Chalakal-Padam canal. After having spent a considerable sum in opening the canal, I now understand that, when only a furlong of the canal is yet to be finished, Government

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have stopped the work and are investigating another line. The same is the case with the Kuttapuzha canal. Another means of communication, which I have to speak upon, is with regard to the road between Kuttanad and Tiruvalla. Although repeated representations, from all possible representative institutions, have been made to Government and to the department, adequate attention has not been paid to the needs of North Travancore.

PRESIDENT: Time, please.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): Sir, as the time is almost up and as I am afraid that my motion may not be reached, I wish to say one or two words on this motion. (*Mr. K. V. Natesa Aiyar*: A little louder, please), I wish merely to express two points.

In the first place, out of the Rs. 26 lakhs allotted for the P. W. D., I find that only two and odd lakhs of rupees have been ear-marked for new original works in regard to communications.

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): Will he please refer to the page, so that I may understand him?

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): I am referring to the provision for new original works under Communications.

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): I am confounded with a lot of figures. Will he please say, how he got at that particular figure?

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): I am leaving out incomplete works.

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): Yes, I now understand.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): The rest of the allotment for the P. W. D. is to be utlised for the purpose of completing incomplete works and for repairs and maintenance.

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): May I remind the member that several of the incomplete works were started in the years 1098, 1099 and 1100?

MR. T. J. MATTHEW (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): I think the Chief Engineer can say all these in his reply.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): Sir, in the course of the discussion, almost every member, on this side of the House, has been complaining about the unsatisfactory state of the means of communication in his own taluk. Therefore, Government ought to have been in a position to allot a larger amount for the purpose of starting new communications in the several taluks of the State.

The second point, which I wish to bring to the notice of the Council, is the inadequate attention paid by the P. W. D. to the taluk which I represent. Several new roads are required in the Quilon taluk.

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[Mr. Changanachery K. Parameswaran Pillai.]

But I find from the budget that the only provision made in the budget for original works in that taluk is a sum of Rs. 1,500 for metalling the road in the Quilon town. Not a single pie has been allotted for improving the means of communication in the Quilon taluk.

In regard to the Quilon taluk, I wish also to point out, to Government and to the Chief Engineer, that Kallada is one of the places which requires special attention. That was a place which was very seriously affected by the floods of 1099. In his Departmental Report, the Chief Engineer observes:—

> "The works in the Kallada valley for the protection of lands from submersion were pushed through and the Cheekai Moozhi, and Valanjavarambu bunds were completed".

But, I have received several representations from the ryots in these places that much more protective works are necessary in those parts of Quilon. Still the Government have allotted only about Rs. 8,000 in the budget, for the year 1100, for repairing flood damages, and Rs. 7,500 for closing the work in the *Moozhi* bund. It appears to me, Sir that these are places where the ryots are put to very great loss, inconvenience and suffering on account of the floods of the year 1099.

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*): Sir, I certainly sympathise with the ryots of Kallada. But a reference to the protective works in Kallada, which relate to "Protective" Irrigation, in discussing the present motion under "communications", is not in order.

MR. CHANAGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): These are matters to which I wish to draw the attention of the Council and of the Government, and, I hope the Chief Engineer will do the needful in the matter.

MR. K. C. MAMMEN MAPPILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Sir, we are really thankful to the Government, and to the Public Works Department, for what has been done in recent years for improving the means of communication in North Travancore. But, in the past, the Government were totally and, I may say, unceremoniously neglecting the taluks in northern Travancore in the matter of means of communication. We are certainly thankful for the small mercies that we have been getting in this direction in recent years. Still what has been done for us is nothing compared with what remains to be done.

MR. T. J. MATTHEW (*Changanachery cum Peermade*): Has there been any small mercy to the Minachil taluk?

MR. K. C. MAMMAN MAPPILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, North*): There is a road passing through the Minachil taluk, I believe. That may be considered to be a small mercy.

Sir, I think this complaint, about inadequacy in the matter of communications, and this scramble of each taluk for more communications, will go on until Government prepare an elaborate scheme or

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programme of works for another five or ten years. Something like a list of works, arranged according to their urgency, must be prepared and the works carried out in the order of urgency. In preparing such a scheme or programme, the claims of all the taluks may be considered. One point which all the people have been pressing, *viz.*, the revenue derived from each taluk, that point also may be taken into consideration in preparing the scheme. I think, until and unless such a programme of work is prepared, there will be a complaint that there is inadequacy in the matter of communications. I merely want to press this one point, on the attention of Government, that steps should be taken at the earliest possible opportunity to prepare a programme of work for the whole of North and Central Travancore. The works may be executed in the order of urgency.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : Let me say a word with regard to the peculiar relationship of South Travancore with this department. Government gain about Rs. 5,000 from South Travancore in this matter. The sum realised out of the Kuzhitturai toll gate last year was about Rs. 36,000.

MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*) : The question of revenue is a question of policy. The motion is with reference to communications. I do not think the member is in order.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): My point is that, in spite of the gain that Government are making out of the roads in South Travancore, they are not paying sufficient attention to the communications in South Travancore. I only want to assert my right to demand greater attention from the P. W. D. towards the communications in South Travancore. That is why I began by saying that I am going to speak on the peculiar relationship of South Travancore with the Government. Last year the Kuzhitturai toll gate was sold in auction for Rs. 36,000 and the gate at the Aramboly frontier was sold for Rs. 22,000. Government have spent only Rs. 53,000 for the maintenance of the main southern road. They have gained Rs. 5,000 last year. This year the Kuzhitturai gate has been sold for Rs. 44,000 and the Aramboly gate for Rs. 17,000. So, putting the two amounts together, Government get about Rs. 61,000 out of which they have to spend only Rs. 53,000. So, this year they are making a profit of Rs. 8,000. There is also another toll gate at a distance of about 6 miles from the Nagercoil Municipal town. Altogether the Government gain a sum of Rs. 10,500. So what I mean to urge upon the attention of Government is that sufficient attention has not been paid by the department to the maintenance of the roads as well as communications in South Travancore. It is indeed highly regrettable to find from the answer given to me to an interpellation that not even an inch of road or by way of approach roads to the depressed classes has been constructed in the course of the last year and this year. Such being the case, I will be failing in my duty if I do not bring that fact to the notice of Government.

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MR. K. V. NATESA AIYAR (*Chief Engineer*) : What is the last point?

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : The maintenance of roads is neglected, and nothing has been done to open roads for the use of the depressed classes.

MR. K. K. THOMAS (*Kottayam*) : All that I wish to do just now is to emphasise every thing that Mr. Matthew has expressed as regards roads and communications in North Travancore. In the difficulties of Ambalapuzha, Shertallai and Todupuzha.

MR. N. V. JOSEPH (*Parur*) : With regard to Parur?

PRESIDENT : It is five o'clock and I shall have to put the demand to vote. I take it, Mr. A. K. Pillai, that you withdraw the motion.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Yes, I withdraw the motion.

The motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

The following motions lapsed on account of time-limit :—

Motions 310 to 340.

MR. M. N. PILLAI :

310. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 21,97,869 for Executive by Rs. 100.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI :

311. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 21,97,869 for Executive by Rs. 100.

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI :

312. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 22,26,789 for Buildings, Communications etc. by Rs 100.

MR. C. P. THOMAS :

313. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 22,26,789 for Buildings, Communications etc. by Rs. 100

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI :

314. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 22,26,789 for Buildings, Communications etc. by Rs. 100.

MR. A. J. JOHN :

315. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 22,26,789 for Buildings, Communications etc. by Rs. 100.

MR. K. C. MAMMEN MAPPILLAI :

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MR. T. J. MATTHEW :

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MR. K. K. THOMAS :

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MR. T. J. MATTHEW :

320. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 22,26,789 for Buildings, Communications etc. by Rs. 200.

MR. T. J. MATTHEW :

321 To reduce the allotment of Rs. 22,26,789 for Buildings, Communications etc. by Rs. 1,000.

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MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI:

322. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,16,700 for Original Works by Rs. 100.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON:

323. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 25·36 lakhs under Demand XX by Rs. 100.

MR. C. P. TARAKAN:

324. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 25·36 lakhs under Demand XX by Rs. 100.

MR. K. I. JOSEPH:

325. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 25·36 lakhs under Demand XX by Rs. 100.

DEMAND XXI—ANCHAL DEPARTMENT.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI:

326. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 22,300 for Superintendence by Rs. 100.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI:

327. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 22,300 for Superintendence by Rs. 100.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI:

328. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 32,000 for Transit contract by Rs. 10.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI:

329. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 32,000 for Transit contract by Rs. 100.

MR. K. I. JOSEPH:

330. To reduce the allotment of Rs 3,13,800 for Working expenses by Rs. 100.

MR K. I. JOSEPH:

331. To omit the allotment of Rs. 10,900 under Capital Account.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI:

332. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 3·25 lakhs under Demand XXI by Rs. 10.

MR. C. P. TARAKAN:

333. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 3·25 lakhs under Demand XXI by Rs. 100.

DEMAND XXII - MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI:

334. To omit the allotment of Rs. 500 for item No. 9—the expenditure under the Weights and Measures Regulation.

MR. K. I. JOSEPH:

335. To reduce the allotment of Rs 15,000 for item No. 16—Law charges, by Rs. 100.

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI:

336. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 15,000 for item No. 16—Law charges, by Rs. 1,000.

MR. T. J. MATTHEW:

337. To omit the allotment of Rs. 15,000 for item No. 16—Law charges.

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI:

338. To omit the allotment of Rs 10,000 for item No. 17—Miscellaneous.

DEMAND XXIII—LOANS.

MR. K. I. JOSEPH:

339. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,50,000 for Agricultural Loans by Rs. 100.

DEMAND XXIV—LOANS.

MR. K. I. JOSEPH:

340. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 45,000 for Industrial Loans by Rs. 100.

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PRESIDENT: The question is that a sum not exceeding Rs. 25·36 lakhs be granted under Demand XX—Public Works Department.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XXI—ANCHAL DEPARTMENT.

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): Sir, I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 3·25 lakhs under Demand XXI—Anchal Department.

PRESIDENT: The question is that a sum not exceeding Rs. 3·25 lakhs be granted under Demand XXI—Anchal Department.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XXII—MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. ·56 lakh under Demand XXII —Misellaneous items.

PRESIDENT: The question is that a sum not exceeding Rs. ·56 lakh be granted under Demand XXII—Miscellaneous items.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XXIII—LOANS.

MR. S. C. H. ROBINSON (*Land Revenue and Income-Tax Commissioner*): Sir, I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 1·50 lakhs under Demand XXIII—Loans.

PRESIDENT: The question is that a sum not exceeding Rs. 1·50 lakhs be granted under Demand XXIII—Loans.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XXIV - LOANS.

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): Sir, I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. ·45 lakh under Demand XXIV—Loans.

PRESIDENT: The question is that a sum not exceeding Rs. ·45 lakh be granted under Demand XXIV—Loans.

The grant was made.

MR. C. P. THOMAS (*Nominated*): On behalf of the non-official gentlemen, may I point out the desirability of re-arranging the order of Demands from next year so that it may be possible for members to discuss the demands in the order of importance?

PRESIDENT: But it is not a question of what is more important and what is less important. We can consider the question of re-arrangement so that the Demands may come in rotation, so that none is talked out every year.

MR. C. P. THOMAS (*Nominated*): One full day has now been given to three Departments.

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Nominated*) (*Deputy President*): I also believe that a re-arrangement is necessary. Mr. Natesa Aiyar goes off free every year.

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PRESIDENT: It will be good for discussion if we re-arrange the Demands every two years.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Can you not allow us more days, Sir?

PRESIDENT: The thing is we would not be able to stand the strain; and under the rules seven days is the maximum time allowed.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): We could stand the strain; but I realise the difficulty.

LEGISLATION.

THE CIVIL PROCEDURE CODE AMENDING BILL.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Ag. Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*). Sir, I rise to introduce a Bill to amend the Civil Procedure Code, Regulation VIII of 1100. The circumstances under which this Bill happens to be introduced now have been announced this morning by the President, and I hope the members will excuse the shortness of the notice at which it is introduced. The copy of the Bill has been circulated and I now formally move that the Bill be read in Council.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): I second it.

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Nominated*) (*Deputy President*): I may be permitted to say a word in this connection. No doubt, the Civil Procedure Code is a very important piece of legislation and it was under the consideration of the first Council for a very very long time and that it contains many wholesome provisions.

We wish very much that the Bill becomes a Regulation earlier. But owing to unavoidable delay on account of its voluminousness and in the absence of translation, it has been delayed and the criticism that was levelled against *Civil Courts' Guide* may be levelled against the Civil Procedure Code also. I would suggest to Government the desirability of not puting it off for a long time.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): I also rise to support Mr. Subba Aiyar's view that it is not advisable to put off the Civil Procedure Code for a very long time. Further, I have my own doubts as to whether this particular Bill is in order. I may draw the attention of the Council to Section XII Clause (*c*) of the Legislative Council Regulation, which says,

> "It shall not be lawful for any member to introduce, without the previous sanction in writing of Our Dewan, any measure ... ...
> ... ...
> (*c*) repealing or amending any law in force in Travancore not passed under Section 14 of this Regulation or under the corresponding Section of Regulation I of 1095 or Regulation V of 1073 or Regulation II of 1063".

In the present instance, my submission is that the law that is attempted to be affected by the Bill in question is a law which is not in force but which is yet to come into force. Whether the Council can enact a measure of that kind, even with the sanction of the Dewan, is a

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